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SEND CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL WITH UP-TO-DATE IMMUNIZATIONS

*National Immunization Awareness Month is a reminder
everyone needs vaccines right from the start and throughout their lives.*

MEMPHIS – Back to school season means time for parents to gather supplies and backpacks. It is also the perfect time to make sure children are up-to-date on immunizations.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for a healthy start and to make sure children are protected, the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) is participating in National Immunization Awareness Month by posting facts and tips via social media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ShelbyTNHealth>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ShelbyTNHealth>

“Getting children all of the recommended vaccines is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children’s health and community,” said Helen Morrow, M.D., SCHD health officer.

Schools in the state of Tennessee require children to be current on immunizations before beginning the new school year to protect the health of all students from serious and potentially life-threatening diseases such as chickenpox, measles, polio and whooping cough.

When children are not immunized, they are at increased risk and can spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community, including babies and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

All SCHD public health clinics will be open Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist parents in getting their children immunized for the new school year. The following is a list of all locations:

Galloway Clinic
757 Galloway

Hickory Hill Clinic
6590 Kirby Center Cove

Millington Clinic
8225 Highway 51 N.

Shelby Crossing Clinic
6170 Macon Road

Southland Mall Clinic
1215 Southland Mall-Inside Mall

Cawthon Clinic
1000 Haynes

Collierville Clinic
167 Washington

Facts about Immunizations:

Preventable disease outbreaks in schools are not seen as often because the majority of children are up-to-date on their immunizations.

Need information on back-to-school immunizations? Contact the SCHD or health care provider.

School required immunizations protect the children who receive them and also the other children and staff at schools and child care.

Terrific educational handouts on vaccines for parents and patients:

www.immunize.org/handouts/vaccine-summaries.asp.

Whooping cough is on the rise in the United States. Learn how to protect your children and yourself.

www.cdc.gov/pertussis/index.html.

Parents can find out about the recommended immunization schedule at

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index or by calling the SCHD Immunization Program at (901) 222-9329.

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